

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/530,304

Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/3/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6 and 8-16.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

HSIEN-MING LEE  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

9/14/07

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Remarks*

1. The objection and rejection, as set forth in the previous office action, have been withdrawn in response to applicant's amendment and arguments filed 7/3/2007.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

2. Claims 1-6 and 8-16 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In re claim 1, the primary reason for the allowance of the claim is the following patentably distinct limitations that are not taught or suggested by the prior art of record: a connection region of the drain of the semiconductor element borders on the bottom plate and forms a drain connection that projects from the envelope, and wherein the connection regions of a source and a gate of the semiconductor element are situated on a side of the semiconductor element opposite the connection region of the drain.

In re claim 8, the primary reason for the allowance of the claim is the following patentably distinct limitations that are not taught or suggested by the prior art of record: the assembly of conductors and the bottom plate are formed from two conductor frames, one of which comprises the bottom plate and a conductor, and the other one of which comprises another conductor, and after securing the semiconductor element to the bottom plate in one conductor frame, the other conductor frame is secured to the semiconductor element.

In re claim 11, the primary reason for the allowance of the claim is the following patentably distinct limitations that are not taught or suggested by the prior art of record: a further

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electrically conductive bottom plate that is separated from the bottom plate and on which a further semiconductor element is situated having a first and a second further connection region, said further regions being coupled to, respectively a first further conductor and a second further conductor, said further semiconductor element being surrounded by the electrically insulating synthetic resin envelope that is connected to the further bottom plate.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hsien-ming Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-1863. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday (7:30 ~ 6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Smith can be reached on 571-272-1907. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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